



Board Meeting

We conducted our January Board Meeting last night and just to prove that we did not spend a couple of hours solely consuming drinks and sizzled sausages, we did get through quite a lot of business as reported below.

Commodores Trophy

The next Commodores Trophy race will be held on Friday 6th of February. The rules will be as for the first one which are: Nominal start at 4.00 on the same sternchaser method as the midweek races. Prizes are a bottle of best Club Champagne to each lady in the crew of the winning boat. Any boats not finishing by 6.00 pm are disqualified and the prizes will be awarded at the Club Social that evening. Our Race Officer and Handicapper is to be the sole arbitrator and no correspondence will be entered into and so forth, Course is the same as the midweek race. Please try and involve partners and come along and join in to our popular Friday Night Social.

Australia Day Race.

We have decided to run a race on Monday the 26th of January. Start at 1.00 as a sternchaser with handicaps double those applying to the midweek race held on Wednesday 21st January. Make sure you look at the notice board at the Clubhouse door to find out yours. Course is to be from start to Manton Bank (P) Shoal Bay (S) Salamander (S) to finish. Take your own times, trophies as decided by the Club Secretary. This will give us an opportunity to show off our fleet to the crowd at Fly Point for the Australia Day ceremony. We will not have the caravan in attendance so take your own elapsed times and enter them into the sheet at the Clubhouse. Trophies will be at the whim of the Secretary!! Spinnakers are optional.

Race Results and Prize giving.

In response to many requests, we are going to endeavour to produce the results of Saturday Races and to present the trophies one hour after the last yacht finishes. This will give those who live a distance from the clubhouse time to get home before curfew and to keep the blood alcohol readings of the crews of the quicker boats a chance to stay within the limits of the law!

Safety Certificates

There are still a number of yachts which have either not obtained safety certificates or have not completed some requirements necessary as a result of inspections. The skippers of these yachts will be notified in the next couple of days and if their yachts do not comply with the necessary standards within the next three weeks their results will have to be penalised retrospectively.

Signing Off

It is a requirement of the Sailing Instructions (Clause 18.1.3 that yachts must sign off on their radios after finishing or retiring from a race. We now require this to be done within 15 minutes of finishing or retiring. This will enable us all to sleep soundly and not be worried about Fred who was last heard of shortly before 1.00 PM that day! Penalty for not signing off may be disqualification

The sailing instructions also provide for leaving your radio on for the duration of the race. This is a valid safety measure and does not cost anything!

State Channel

Incidentally, **PLEASE**, and I must admit that I have been a constant offender in this regard, **PLEASE** state whether you are on channel 94 or 77 when signing in. As I may have said before, the radios in the caravan are very similar and very close to each other and it is difficult for the starter to decide which mike to pick up to answer your call. We must not upset the Starter, or any assistants! (especially as I sleep with one of the assistants!)

Protests last week.

In the sprint series last Saturday, we had two incidents which resulted in protest flags being hoisted. Both, I believe for mark rounding infringements. In both cases the protestees absolved themselves by performing 720's as penalties. Great stuff, and it shows that we are definitely becoming more professional. The rules are really there to make our sailing safer and more enjoyable so make sure that you know and apply them.

Sailing Committee.

Just so you know who to talk to, our sailing committee is chaired by Jim Quinn, and consists of: Alan Atkins, Peter Ballard, Doug Cross, Keith Albury, Peter Collins, Craig Tucker, Greg Lane and myself. so, any comments on everything from handicaps to courses, talk to one of the above.

See you at the Bar!!

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